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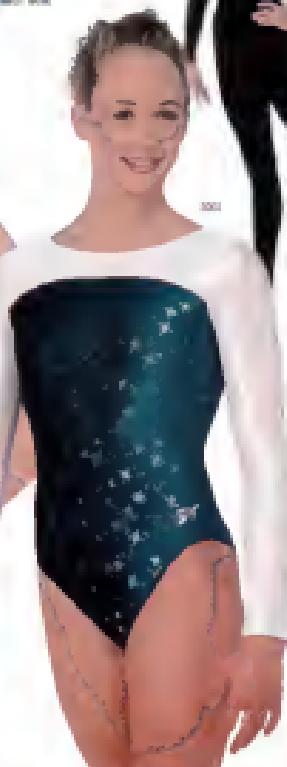
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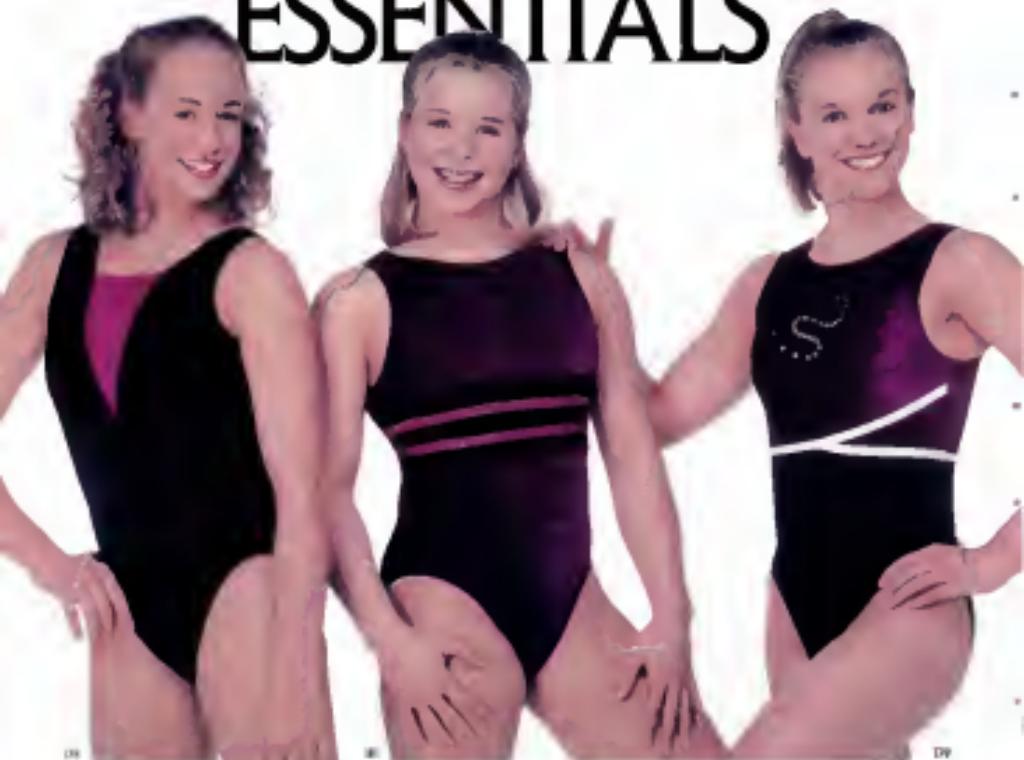
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Robert V. Calarossi
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I recently attended the **4 Continents Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships**, June 10-13, in Jacksonville, Fla. On behalf of USA Gymnastics, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to Japan, the overall team champion of the event. Our United States Individual and Group athletes did very well at this event, with junior Lindsay Powell earning the all-around bronze medal and two gold in ball and clubs. Tatjana Brinkhoffs earned fourth place in the all-around and grabbed the silver medal in the ball event. Jessica Howard finished fifth all-around and won the bronze medal in the hoop event. The senior group's top finish was fifth and the juniors finished fourth. We were very pleased to host this successful competition.

The Four Continents event, last hosted in the United States in 1984 in Indianapolis, is a major international competition for rhythmic gymnasts prior to the 2000 Olympic Games. It was remarkable to see the level of international competition and unique cultures represented at the championships. A record 21 countries participated in the event.

We wish the best of luck to our U.S. rhythmic gymnasts as they head to the **Rhythmic National Championships** in Downers Grove, Ill., at the end of June. This event will select the National Team for 1999 and 2000.

July 31, 1999, marks the first **National Gymnastics Day**. With Bela Karolyi to serve as National Chairman, we are very excited about the inaugural year of the one-day nationwide celebration of our sport. National Gymnastics Day seeks to communicate the sense of self-esteem that gymnastics offers and to attract new participants to the sport. It is an effort to unite the estimated 4 million children who participate in gymnastics in over 3,500 clubs across the

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country. USA Gymnastics and Bela Karolyi strongly urge you to take part in this special day **YOU CAN DO IT!**

USA Gymnastics will directly assist National Gymnastics Day promoters in over 20 primary markets and will also provide the framework for National Gymnastics Day to all of its Member Clubs to encourage a broad participation in the celebration. Activities on July 31 will include local club demonstrations, appearances by Olympic and National Team athletes, open houses at local clubs and special mail promotions.

Be sure to catch the **Today Show** on NBC, **Wednesday, July 28**, as Bela and some of the country's top names appear to promote National Gymnastics Day.

I attended the Women's Junior Olympic Nationals in Austin, Texas in May, which were quite a success for our athletes. It was great to witness the high level of excellence at the event and to see old friends again.

USA Gymnastics looks forward to sending our best athletes to the **Pan Am Games** in Winnipeg, Canada this summer. Our men's and women's teams have already been named and our Rhythmic Team will be selected after their National Championships at the end of June.

Our club athletes are currently in training for the upcoming **John Hancock U.S. National Gymnastics Championships** in Sacramento, Aug. 25-28, and the **World Team Trials** in Kansas City, Sept. 15-16. Both events promise to be exciting and extremely competitive.

Congratulations to all the gymnasts of America. Remember that now is the time to set your goals for the rest of the year. **Work hard, train hard and we'll see you in Sacramento!**

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TRULY A PERFECT 10

1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Lou Retton was named as one of the top 10 all-time favorite Wheaties athletes and the only female among the elite group including: 1980 U.S. Men's Olympic Hockey Team, John Elway, Lou Gehrig, Michael Jordan, Walter Payton, Cal Ripken Jr., Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth and Tiger Woods.

The press release stated, "Retton's 1984 arms in the air victory pose is one of Wheaties' most memorable packages."

Wheaties is celebrating its 75th anniversary and has been running a campaign to the public entitled, "Vote For Your Favorite Wheaties Champion." More than 200,000 consumers helped select the top 10 all-time favorite Wheaties athletes, whose original-issue boxes were redistributed in May.

USA Gymnastics caught up with Mary Lou and asked her a few questions.

USA Gymnastics: How does it feel to still be remembered for your great moment in 1984 when you scored a perfect 10 on vault to win the Olympic All-Around Gold Medal?

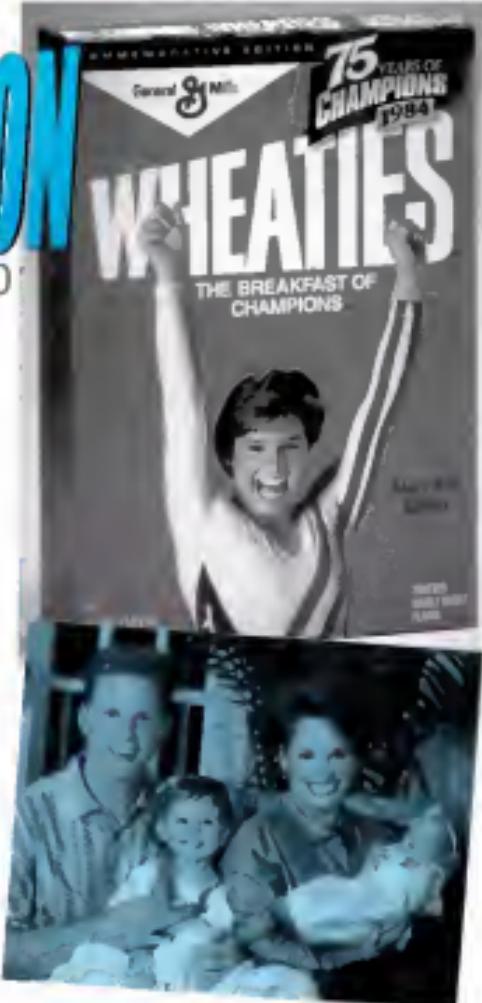
Mary Lou: It's incredible. To be remembered 15 years later is such a huge honor. Just to be on the Wheaties box after winning 5 medals was incredible. In fact, it impressed my brothers more than winning the medals. We grew up with Wheaties on our table so it was a thrill of a lifetime. For me to be picked as one of the top 10 all-time favorite Wheaties athletes just blows me away. I feel very honored.

USA Gymnastics: Tell us a little about your family.

Mary Lou: My number one top priority is to be mom and wife. I have two children, Shayla, who is 6, and McKenna, who is 2. My life revolves around them. I enjoy and love every minute of it. Shatron and I are also going to celebrate our ninth anniversary this fall.

USA Gymnastics: Are you planning to get your girls involved in gymnastics?

Mary Lou: Shayla, my 4 year old, already takes gymnastics once a week. She just had her gymnastics recital. She loved it. From the time my girls were born I was always tumbling and flipping for them because it made them smile. They thought mom was silly. We put on box and play "nastics." Shayla is starting to ask questions about the Olympics and why people want to get my autograph.



USA Gymnastics: So you think it's important to get kids involved in gymnastics?

Mary Lou: I think gymnastics is a fantastic sport for kids—girls and boys. Every toddler loves to jump and tumble—it's a natural. I think our job as parents is to let them do what they like and give them lots of options. Right now, Shayla really likes gymnastics and McKenna tries to do it, too. Both of them are built like me. Most of all they're having lots of fun.

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EMILY AND ALLYSON VOSS

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Emily (10) and Allyson (10) are 9-year-old identical twins. They train at Syntexos, Inc., in Bakersfield. They competed at Level 4 gymnastics in the 1993-94 season. Emily and Allyson love to make their mommies proud!



CRAIG SULLIVAN

AMHERST, SOUTH CAROLINA

Craig, 9, is a Class V gymnast who trains at Greenville Gymnastics Training Center and is coached by Shirley Hines. He just completed his first competitive season and won the 9-10 class championship. At this year's state meet, he placed first overall with a score of 32.10. He also placed first in a pommel horse, high bar and parallel bars and second in floor and third in the rings. In the August 1993 Championships, he placed second in the all-around and fourth in pommel horse.

LARALEE GARVIN

GLENDALE, FLORIDA

Laralee, 10, is a Level 5 gymnast at Glendale Athletic Club and is coached by Linda Marshall and Debbie Royal. In her first meet at 1992, she won first place all-around at Level 5 for the Disney Cup competition in Orlando, Florida. She then moved up to Level 6 in the middle of the season when she was invited to do so at the Florida State Championships. Laralee is a 10-year-old cheerleader, softball player, tennis player and the most valuable player on her girls' track team at school.

RALI JONES

OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND

Rali, 9, is a member of MD's Gymnastics Center in Owings Mills. She was the Level 7 Maryland State Champion in the 1993 age group with a score of 33.175. She also just finished a 1-10, 10s with a 1-15 and floor with a 1-3.5. She earned the invitational medal in bars with a 9.05. Rali also competes in karate, girls' soccer and the pommel and trapeze program at Owings Mills Elementary School.

KATIE KLUGA

DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA

Katie, 12, is a Level 5 gymnast at Bitter Gymnastics Institute in Mission Viejo and is coached by Trish Gossman, Sharron Hartog and Debbie Blue. Last month, Katie won the state placing all-around with a score of 32.25 at the Level 5 Regional Gymnastics Championships held at Bitter Gymnastics. She took third place in the Bitter Institute with a score of 25.193.



TAYLER SCHARMAN

SAU LAKES CITY, WISCONSIN

Taylor, 9, is one of USA Gymnastics' World Class Athletes and just finished her Class Precision Team. She competed for three years and in a three-time set finishes with State Champs in all three. She is 10 and one of Class E Taylor was the August 1993 Championships in Wisconsin with a score of 32.6. She is coached by Paul Bechtel, Jason Wenzel and John Korte.



MEGAN WINTERLAND

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA

Megan, 8, is trying to compete in a Level 4 competition. She competed in a Level 3 last year. At the Edmond State competition she placed second in vault, tied in bars and eighth in floor. She was fifth in overall competition with a score of 31.75. Megan trains at the Gymnastics Center in Edmond by Coach Joanie, Vicki Johnson and Angela Lee.



BROOKE DENNIS

WICKESBURG, OHIO

Brooke, 8, began this season in a Level 5. She was nearly every event and has advanced to all other levels including the State Championships. This year she moved to Level 6 and earned more medals than she has in all four years in a Level 5. She is coached by Karen Myers and Debbie Jacobs at the Gymnastics Training Center of Ohio in Wickesburg.



DANIEL MICHAELIS

EDINBURGH, TEXAS

Daniel, 10, competes for Mission Gymnastics. He's the Texas Class 10 State Champion for the '93 and '94 year. He's also state champion in the parallel bars and pommel horse. He received a license medal in rollers and a silver in rings. Real highlight of his career is created by Michael Gough. Daniel is looking forward to competing in a Level 7 in the 1994-2000 season.



MICHAEL JACOBS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Michael, 11, trains at Robert's Gymnastics and Cheerleading and is coached by Lori D'Urso. Michael competed in a Class B this past year and won the State 10s Champion. He'll compete in his first regional with a score of 36.45. He also won the All-around Regional Champion with a score of 34.23. Michael trains 14 hours per week while still maintaining an average of 3.00 in Honors Chemistry School.

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VISION

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of gymnastics and in life.



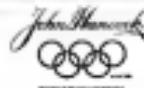
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- Promote the sport
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Northglenn, CO**16-18**U.S. CHALLENGE (W)
Monville, NJ**23-AUG. 8**PAN AMERICAN GAMES (M/W/TR)
Winnipeg, CAN

AUGUST

6-8U.S. CLASSIC/ NATIONAL GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL (W)
Rochester, NY**19-23**JR. NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP (W)
Colo. Springs, CO**25-28**JOHN HANCOCK U.S. GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W)
Sacramento, CA**26-28**USA GYMNASTICS CONGRESSFEST (GG)
Sacramento, CA**26-29**USA GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CONGRESS
Sacramento, CA**27-28**THIRD SENIOR TEAM TRIALS (TR/TU)
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SEPTEMBER

3-5USA GYMNASTICS YOUTH CAMP (GG)
Austin, TX**3-5**GAT CONVENTION
Austin, TX**15-18**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM TRIALS (M/W)
Kansas City, MO**20-OCT. 3**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE-GROUP GAMES (TR/TU)
Sri City, RSA**24-26**REGION 2 CONGRESS (W)
Portland, OR**28-**OCT. 3
23RD RHYTHMIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (R)
Osaka, JPN**30-**OCT. 3
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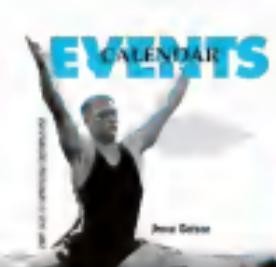
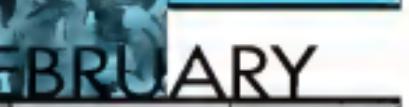
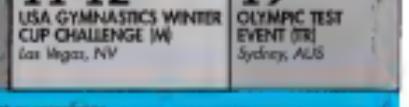
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Americans Split Dual Meet with Chinese in Shanghai

In April 9-12, in Shanghai, China, members of the U.S. Gymnastics Team competed in a dual meet with China, with the U.S. women claiming a winner's trophy and the U.S. men gaining valuable experience as both prepare for the upcoming World Championships being held in Beijing. The women's victory, with the U.S. scoring 133.962 to China's 113.274, was significant against one of the strongest Chinese squads. The U.S. men were outscored by China, 173.225 to 165.00, but turned in some strong performances against the reigning world champions.

The U.S. women's team was led by 16-year-old Morgan White, who trains at Cincinnati Gymnastics, and won the only athlete to compete in each of the four events, scoring solidly on the floor (9.65), the balance beam (9.5), and the uneven bars (9.9). The competition was extremely close, as the Chinese took the lead heading into the final routine of the evening. Xia Yanyan scored a 9.297 on the vault, leaving the meet in White's hands, needing a 9.312 to tie. Her score of 9.5 gave the U.S. team the victory.

"I was extremely proud of our girls this week," commented Mary Lee Tracy, who served as the head coach of the women's team. "They stayed focused and worked hard to perform at their highest level. Our goal was to consistently hit our routines, and that approach secured this team victory. Each member of the team contributed to this win."



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USA GYMNASTICS NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of California Davis competes with the four members of the USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championships in New Haven, Conn. April 14. On the men's side, Williams and Mary are the Men's Team event and Alabama State University wins the Club Team award.

WOMEN

TEAM FINISHES

1. University of California Davis	103.000
2. Iowa State University	99.400
3. University of Illinois	97.700
4. University of Wyoming	96.800

ALL-AROUNDERS

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.900
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.850
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.800

ROUNDS

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

BARRE

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

BEAM

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

FLOOR

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

MEET

TEAM FINISHES-VICTORY	103.000
1. University of California Davis	103.000
2. Iowa State University	99.400
3. University of Illinois	97.700
4. University of Wyoming	96.800

ALL-AROUNDERS-VICTORY

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700

ALL-AROUNDERS-SECOND

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

ALL-AROUNDERS-THIRD

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.650
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.600

FLOOR-VICTORY

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700

FLOOR-SECOND

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

FLOOR-THIRD

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.650
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.600

PARADE

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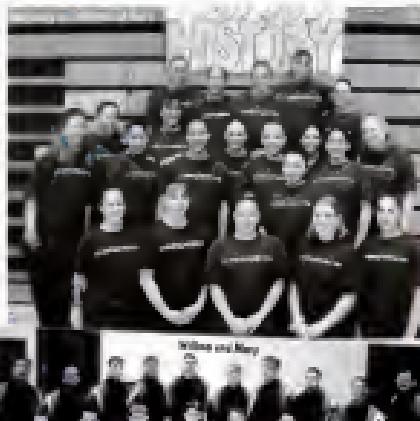
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PARADE-THIRD

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.650
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.600
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.550

AWARD WINNERS

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.650
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.600
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.550



AMY BILEZIKIAN, a junior from the University of Iowa, was named the 1999 Big Ten Most Outstanding Gymnast of the Year after winning the all-around title at the Big Ten Championships. He also won the bronze medal in the all-around at the NCAA Championships. The University of Iowa nominated Taddei for the Big Ten Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year.

WOMEN'S NCAA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 23-24, 1999 • Salt Lake City, Utah

TEAM FINISHES

1. University of Michigan	193.000
2. University of Florida	191.000
3. University of Michigan	189.000
4. University of Michigan	187.000

ALL-AROUNDERS

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

ROUNDS

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

BARRE

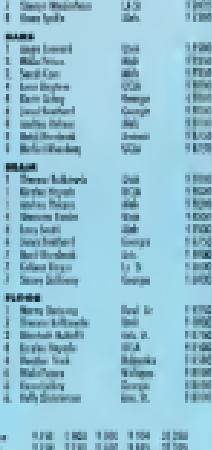
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2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

BEAM

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650

FLOOR

1. Amy Bilezikian	9.800
2. Amy Bilezikian	9.750
3. Amy Bilezikian	9.700
4. Amy Bilezikian	9.650



MENT'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 23-24,

1999

Lincoln,

Nebraska

Eight men final

Below right:

All-around final



TEAM RANKINGS

	TEAM	RANK
1	Johns Hopkins	1
2	Stanford	2
3	Michigan	3
4	Minnesota	4
5	Princeton	5
6	Michigan State	6
7	Georgia Tech	7
8	Harvard	8

ALL-AROUND RANKINGS

RANK	NAME	COLLEGE	PP	FD	BB	DT	HS	RS
1	John Berlach	Johns Hopkins	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
2	Mike Morris	Stanford	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98
3	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95
4	Jason Borchers	Minnesota	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92
5	David Bury	Georgia Tech	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90
6	Jeff Gohdes	Michigan State	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88
7	Tom Kell	Harvard	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85
8	Jeff Morris	Johns Hopkins	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82
9	Mike Scott	Stanford	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
10	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78
11	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
12	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72
13	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70
14	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68
15	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65
16	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62
17	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60
18	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58
19	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55
20	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52
21	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
22	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

RANK	NAME	COLLEGE	PP	FD	BB	DT	HS	RS
1	John Berlach	Johns Hopkins	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
2	David Bury	Georgia Tech	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98
3	Mike Morris	Stanford	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95
4	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92
5	Jason Borchers	Minnesota	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90
6	David Bury	Georgia Tech	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88
7	Jeff Gohdes	Michigan State	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85
8	Jeff Morris	Johns Hopkins	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82
9	Mike Morris	Stanford	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
10	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78
11	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
12	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72
13	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.70
14	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68	8.68
15	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65	8.65
16	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62	8.62
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19	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55
20	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52
21	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
22	Mike Scott	Michigan	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48	8.48

GYMNASTIC RANKINGS

RANK	NAME	COLLEGE	PP	FD	BB	DT	HS	RS
1	Erica Corbin	Stanford	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
2	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98
3	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95
4	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92
5	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.88
6	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.85
7	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82	8.82
8	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78	8.78
9	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
10	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72	8.72
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14	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58	8.58
15	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.55
16	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52	8.52
17	Erica Scott	Stanford	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
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By Bob Schaffer

THE GYM IS QUIET. MANY OF THE LIGHTS ARE OFF AT THE OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

BUT JASON GATSON ENRAGES THE ENTRANCE DOOR FOR HIS GUEST, OPENING IT WIDE TO DISPLAY THE GYMNASTICS APPARATUS AT THE OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER. THE BLEACHERS ARE ALL FOLDED UP. GATSON IS ONLY 5-FOOT-5, 155 POUNDS, BUT AS THE LIGHT FROM OUTSIDE ENGLORGES HIM FROM BEHIND AS HE OPENS THE DOOR, HE CROSSES A HORSE SHROUD.

"It's all right," Gaton, 18, says. "we'll just put on the equipment."

The equipment is as much a home to Gaton as is the place where he rests his head on a pillow each night. He became the youngest ever athlete to make the U.S. Men's World Championship team with a third-place at the 1997 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships. Gaton made his senior-level debut at the 1998 Team Championships in Cincinnati, winning a team gold medal. His goal now is an Olympic medal, be it in 2000, or even 2004.

At the 1998 Winter Cup Challenge, Gaton scored a perfect 10.0 on the floor exercise. Yet he does not boast of that. Instead, Gaton does not have either a problem with confidence, or a confidence problem. He is sum of himself immensely but is outwardly shy. His blue eyes look his guests directly in the eye as he answers questions. He's polite yet to the point, concentrating as he discourses answers to questions about the road he has taken to the top.

"The 10 at Winter Cup was kind of a fluke. During the prelims I missed a skill, so I started to redeem myself," Gaton said. "And you can always get better."

Gaton scored the top score at the Pan-Am International Team Championships in 1998, a competition between the USA, China and Romania, in which the USA won the team title.

But the series of events that has led Gaton to the edge of international prominence was as uneventful as the women's parallel bars. A broken back shelved him for the

second half of 1997. He was told his career was in jeopardy. However, Gaton never let it bother him, showing up to watch practices and doing what little he could to stay in shape until he was ready to compete again five months later in 1998.

"Of course it was tough at times," Gaton said. "But I had a goal. I still loved to come to the gym. My teammates and the coaches—and, of course, my family—could not have been more supportive."

"I'm not one to react over-dramatically to injuries, because I have seen a lot of athletes come back," said U.S. Coach Ron Brant. "Jason had been in the sport a long time when he suffered the setback. But he viewed it the right way as an opportunity to regroup, rest up mentally and physically for a long period of time. I didn't have a doubt he'd get over it."

Gaton's mother knows a thing or two about gymnastics, and the Olympic Japan Phelps claimed Olympic gold in 1996 for the USA Women's team.

"Joyce and I get along as well, it's just awesome," said Gaton. "It's a good situation for us, because we both understand what the other is going, and what it takes to be successful at what we're doing."

Phelps, who is coaching in Mesa, Ariz., agrees.

"People who aren't involved in the sport don't know what it takes," Phelps said. "It's easier for me to help him work some things out. I had some knee injuries also, so I can understand what Jason was going through. Once you get the goal in the back of your head, nothing can stop you—that's the way Jason is, too. This year he's just now really starting to come on. His work ethic is great."

DEBBIE GATSON REMEMBERS THEN 5-YEAR-OLD JASON DOING FLIPS IN THE HOUSE.

"We had a highplace that was maybe a couple of feet high," Debbie recalls. "I look out day and there's Jason, doing flips off of it. He started playing 'Telet', but then I took out these in the outside, and he's doing flips. A couple of weeks later, I took him with me to a doctor's appointment. I had, and he's doing flips in the doctor's office. At that time they told me about a gymnastics program, and I called the next day. So it was pretty obvious what direction he wanted to go."

Jason was excited for his first practice but he was also nervous.

"We kind of drug him in the door because he was scared to go in," Debbie said. "After that, we had to drug him out of the gym because he always wanted to

keep practicing, keep trying new things and get better."

The rules were strict in the house, and at the gym, for Jason, as well as his little brother Brandon, an actor living in Southern California who has appeared on several shows, including *Baywatch*, as well as a billboard advertisement.

"Jason was only 6 when he started in gymnastics, but from the beginning he knew that school came first," Debbie said. "And in the gym, we always told him, 'There is no room out there better than you. If you want to be the best, you have to do your best to compete against them. But if they win, and you throw a fit or get a bad attitude, we will pull you out of the gym at that very moment. It was never a problem, but we always warned him to be aware of good sportsmanship."

After a practice, Jason returned home and watched an Olympic qualifying meet. The broadcast cut away to show one of the competitors at the Olympics two years earlier having a gold medal draped around his neck.

"I want to go to the Olympics," Jason said to his mother, "and get that big medal."

"Lots of practice first," his mother said, halting her smile in front of Jason.

His ability was something special, and soon his competitiveness lacked in to reach the same level.

BERNIE WILSON IS A THREE-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION.

He and a host of other top U.S. gymnasts are, along with Jason, training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. When Gaton scored the 10.0 on floor at the 1999 Winter Cup Challenge, he finished second all-around to his teammate Wilson.

Wilson, who was on the 1996 Olympic team and finished 10th in the all-around that year, knows his biggest rival is Gaton.

"With a young guy riding my heels like that it keeps me in check," Wilson said. "I have to work out hard."

What makes the rivalry so healthy is Wilson's attitude of being a mentor and Gaton's sense of humility, knowing he always has room to improve.

"It's a really good relationship with Blane and all the other guys on the team," Gaton said. "Working out with Blane and those guys really helps me a lot. Blane is 24, and I look up to him. He's been a big help. All the guys here. The goal is to team medal at the Olympics—T-B-A '04."

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GATSON GOLDEN



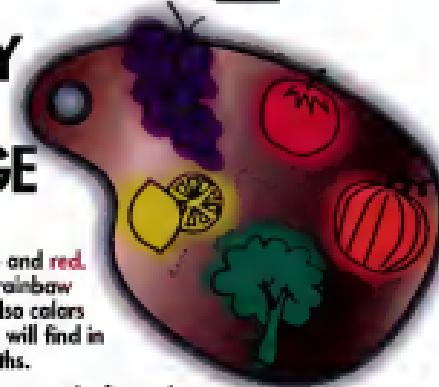


FIVE A DAY COLOR CHALLENGE

by Mary Bono, RD

Orange, green, blue, purple and red. Yes, these are colors of the rainbow and crayons, but they are also colors of fruits and vegetables you will find in the store in the coming months.

Summer is the perfect time to meet the five a day color challenge. It is fun, easy and nutritious to include five colorful servings of fruits and vegetables a day. This simple challenge not only leads to better nutrition but will also make you a healthier gymnast, for better prepared to perform to your potential.



HERE'S A LIST OF VEGGIES AND FRUITS BY COLOR:

RED/PURPLE — carrots, red peppers, tomatoes, cranberries, watermelon, purple potato, rhubarb, radish, purple grapes, purple corn

ORANGE — oranges, sweet potato, carrots, cantaloupe, peaches, mangoes, pumpkins, cantaloupe

YELLOW — yellow peppers, lemon, summer squash, bananas

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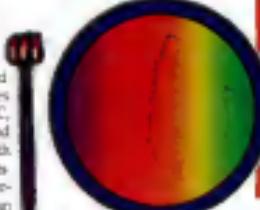
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BODY BALANCE (continued from page 23)

Some of the top vitamins and minerals that fruits and vegetables contribute to our diet are Vitamin A, C, folic acid, beta-carotene, potassium and calcium. Perhaps you are familiar with the common functions of these nutrients. Here are some ways they help your performance. Vitamin C is important in healing wounds and skin integrity. In gymnastics, it can help heal nips and bruises. Beta-carotene is an anti-oxidant and guards against tissue damage, like muscle tears and strains. Folic acid is important in red blood cell production. Red blood cells deliver oxygen to your tissues for optimal energy. Potassium is needed for healthy muscle contraction and ample glycogen storage. As you practice routines and drills, you rely on potassium to help contract your muscles over and over again. Having adequate glycogen stores leads to enhanced stamina and performance. The good news is, if your diet meets the free 8-day color challenge, you shouldn't need to take extra vitamins and minerals.



Now that you know the role fruits and vegetables play in enhancing your gymnastics, let's talk more about meeting this nutrition challenge. How can we make sure we are getting enough? Remember, the goal is five a day and this is one area where variety really is, "the spice of life." Mix different colorful fruit or vegetable combinations to your meals each day. The richer the color the more nutrients you are likely to get. Here is one combination that meets the free 8-day color challenge:

- At breakfast add some fresh or frozen berries (blueberries) to your cereal.
- At lunch, add a salad with two different colored vegetables (carrots and beets)

FOR A SUMMER PICNIC OR BBQ

FRUIT KABOBS

is an appetizer:

Place on a skewer:
Strawberries
Pineapple
Grapes
Cantaloupe

VEGETABLE KABOBS

for grilling:

Place on a skewer:
Cherry tomatoes
Yellow Squash
Green Peppers

■ At dinner add a bright colorful (broccoli) vegetable

■ Don't forget to bring a platter of fresh (grapes) or dried (apricots) fruit for your snack break at the gym.

That will make five a day! Make your choices colorful and by different foods each day. More is better when it comes to fruits and vegetables. This section of food from the pyramid is not only colorful but crunchy, easy to prepare, low in fat and full of vitamins, minerals and fiber. Fruits and vegetables taste great, provide carbohydrates to fuel your workout and make great snacks when you are in a hurry. Color your way to good nutrition by meeting the free 8-day color challenge. **Have a great summer!**

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National Gymnastics Day

JULY 31, 1999



USA Gymnastics will host its first National Gymnastics Day on July 31, 1999. The purpose of this special day is to celebrate the positive benefits of our sport, and increase its visibility around the United States. Our goal is to rally the entire country around one day of activities that unite all gymnastics clubs and their participants in a common effort. By doing so, we can deliver an incredible message which we believe will help increase participation in our sport. USA Gymnastics is working to support its Member Clubs in their promotion of this special day by providing custom-made marketing materials.

The National Gymnastics Day celebration will take place, on basically three levels, with activities ranging from small demonstrations to cartwheelathons to open houses & community

1 PRIMARY MARKETS

USA Gymnastics has identified 23 primary markets (see list at right) that will be the focus of National Gymnastics Day. USA Gymnastics is working with John Hancock to provide national team athlete appearances. Each market will have the following programming in at least one public forum, most likely a mall and could include:

- Club demonstrations
- National Team appearances
- Gymnastics highlight video
- Promotional materials
- Coupon for free gymnastics lesson at participating clubs

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NATIONAL
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2

PREFERRED LEVEL

The second level will be the Preferred Level. This level represents cities that were not identified as primary markets for 1999, but have a local person willing to organize a public show in his/her local market. These markets may feature the following programming:

- Club demonstrations
- Gymnastics highlight video
- Promotional materials
- Coupon for free gymnastics lesson at participating clubs



3 PARTICIPANT LEVEL

The Participant Level is for those clubs who will not have a public demonstration, but instead host an Open House, party, free Gymnastics lesson day or just decorate their gym to celebrate National Gymnastics Day. It is our hope that a majority of clubs around the country will celebrate this day in some form.

The success of National Gymnastics Day rests with all of us. Each member of USA Gymnastics must set aside July 31 as a day to build awareness and increase participation in our sport.

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NATIONAL
GYMNASICS
DAY!

Whether your club has an Open House, exhibition, meet, competition, party, Outer Display or other activity, USA Gymnastics would love to see how you celebrated.

Our goal is for National Gymnastics Day to grow year after year in order to better market the celebration to sponsors and media. We need your help!

Send us any or all of the following photos, videos, newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, and a short description of how your gym celebrated National Gymnastics Day and what you did. We will acknowledge in the November/December issue of USA Gymnastics magazine. The paragraph or two describing your National Gymnastics Day celebration should be typed, double spaced and no more than one page. Please make sure you indicate the name of the gym, address, contact person, and phone number. The deadline is September 1. If you need materials returned, please include a self-addressed envelope.

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SENIOR COMPETITION

Stiles remained the consistent leader of the senior and junior competition throughout the 1999 4 Continents Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, hosted by USA Gymnastics, June 10-13, at the Florida Citrus Tower Convention Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

The 4 Continents Championships parallels the European Championships and has the potential to put an athlete in an all-around position for the 2000 Olympic Games.

Yukari Murata of Japan, was the senior all-around individual champion and led her country to the team title. The final team score was 134.823. Austria's individual final score was 95.499. She also placed first in the ribbon

apparatus in the event finals. Her teammate Shoko Matsunaga finished second in the all-around with a score of 93.893.

Graves placed second as a team in the senior division. Erica Leigh Sprague finished third in the individual all-around with a score of 93.193. She also won two event finals in the rope and hoop apparatus.

"I'm really pleased with the way this competition turned out. I accomplished a goal just coming to 4 Continents after a major knee injury," said Sprague. "I was very happy to improve on my results from earlier meets this year."

The United States Senior team, represented by National Team Members Tatyana Bratkowsky and Jessica Howard, currently ranked one and two respectively, and Susanna Hansen, helped the U.S. to a third place team finish.

Reuth is the rope and ribbon, and Ruth is the hoop.

"I think I could do better than I did in this event. My competition wasn't as good as it should have been. Plus, the competition was very tough," Bratkowsky commented. "I am very happy though that I helped the USA win the bronze medal."

Hansen, competing in her hometown of Jacksonville, Fla., placed sixth in the individual all-around, also achieving a spot in all four event finals. She placed third in the hoop, fifth in the ball and rope, and sixth in the ribbon apparatus.

"I was very pleased with this competition. It was great to be at such a large international competition and compete at home," said Howard. "I have a lot of work to do for the upcoming year and with God's help I'll be able to pursue my dreams."

JAPANESE TEAM WIN'S SENIOR AND JUNIOR 4 CONTINENTS RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Courtney Caron



SENIOR TEAM

Bratkowsky of Staten Island, NY, finished fourth in the individual all-around competition, placing her in all four event finals. In the finals, she placed second in the ball apparatus,

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Following the seniors, the Japanese gymnasts were also the team champions of the junior event, largely caused by Rosa Ariza winning the all-around title with a score of 95.673. Shuang Wei of China finished a close second with a score of 95.373.

Lindsay Powell, also of Jacksonville, Fla., placed third in the all-around, receiving a spot in all four event finals. Powell won the event finals in ball and club, and placed fourth in rope.



JUNIOR TEAM

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The last 450 female Jr. Olympians (over 10 millions gathered in Austin, Texas) for two days of top notch competition Capital Gymnastics, under the leadership of Jim and Cheryl Jansen, put on one of the best meets ever. By providing a great kick-off banquet, and room team hospitality USA Gymnastics would like to acknowledge and thank our Jr. Olympic National sponsors Elite Sportswear USA for providing the beautiful apparel for all the athletes, AAI for providing the equipment and A.1. Awards for donating the medals.

The meet included a new format eight age divisions (All junior division with technical event). All Around and Team results determined by one day of competition. The top four in each age division were announced at the 1999 Jr. Olympic National Team. The Regional team competition was determined by Region 3, who won the out of the eight regions, down to 1st place. Senior division pole the 12 year old senior division. Ring 1 demonstrated the strength of its youth by winning both the Junior 13 and Senior 14 divisions.

Pictured are the team champions in each division.

SENIORS-16 & OVER



TEAM CHAMPIONS

Team	Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1. USA Gymnastics	1999	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2. USA Gymnastics	1999	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3. USA Gymnastics	1999	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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ALL AROUND

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5. Abby Murray	USA Gymnastics	1999	1	2	3	4	5
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1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1. Abby Murray	USA Gymnastics	1999	1	2	3	4	5
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**YOUTH 13 YEARS OLD**

Team	Seed
1. Blue Team	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

ALL AROUND

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Cole	99.00
2. Gold Team	99.00
3. Silver Team	99.00
4. Bronze Team	99.00
5. Kristy Hayes	99.00
6. Amy Hayes	99.00
7. Kristy Hayes	99.00
8. Kristy Hayes	99.00
9. Kristy Hayes	99.00
10. Kristy Hayes	99.00
11. Kristy Hayes	99.00
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YOUTH

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00
5. Kristy Hayes	100.00
6. Amy Hayes	100.00
7. Kristy Hayes	100.00
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SENIORS

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	99.00
2. Gold Team	99.00
3. Silver Team	99.00
4. Bronze Team	99.00
5. Kristy Hayes	99.00
6. Amy Hayes	99.00
7. Kristy Hayes	99.00
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10. Kristy Hayes	99.00
11. Kristy Hayes	99.00
12. Kristy Hayes	99.00

YOUTH 14 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

ALL AROUND

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	99.00
2. Gold Team	99.00
3. Silver Team	99.00
4. Bronze Team	99.00
5. Kristy Hayes	99.00
6. Amy Hayes	99.00
7. Kristy Hayes	99.00
8. Kristy Hayes	99.00
9. Kristy Hayes	99.00
10. Kristy Hayes	99.00
11. Kristy Hayes	99.00
12. Kristy Hayes	99.00

YOUTH 15 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 16 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 17 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 18 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 19 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 20 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 21 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 22 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 23 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 24 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 25 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 26 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

YOUTH 27 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

JR. OLYMPIC LEVEL 10 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**SENIORS 16-17 YEARS OLD**

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 18-19 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 20-21 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 22-23 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 24-25 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 26-27 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 28-29 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 30-31 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 32-33 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed
1. Kristin Hayes	100.00
2. Gold Team	100.00
3. Silver Team	100.00
4. Bronze Team	100.00

SENIORS 34-35 YEARS OLD

Team	Seed

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GATSON: (continued from page 29)

USA Coach Kurt Brant appreciates the hard-work attitude permeating the team. He backs Wilson's claim that Gatson's limits are not yet known.

"Let's keep in mind that Jason is still one of the younger athletes," Brant said. "But he really has a desire to achieve international success. Once you have that desire, you have to be directed to do what it takes to reach that next level. The commitment is a little scary when they first find out what it takes to get there. Once Jason got over that hurdle, he accepted that responsibility to continue forward. Jason has the physical talent. But for our sport at this level, talent is only 20 percent of it. The other 80 percent is initiating the thought process of making the commitment that will take you to the top."

GATSON'S MENTAL DRILLS IS SOMETHING BRANT APPRECIATES. "He's good in the gym," Brant said. "His emotional level is very steady. He doesn't let the day-to-day frustration get him down. That's important - to push through to what it is you want to achieve,

because the process is the hard part. If you don't enjoy the process, you won't succeed. The competition is the fun part. But it is the day-to-day work that prepares you to handle what you will experience at the meets."

THE ATTITUDE IN THE GYM DURING PRACTICE HAS PISSED OFF THE RIBBLETS. "The atmosphere that has been generated in our gym has caused everything up because Jason sees what Blaine has achieved to be a three-time national champ, and Blaine doesn't want to get beat," Brant said. "All the World and Olympic team members really push each other."

While the respect between Wilson and Gatson is mutual, Wilson sees an even brighter future for Gatson than he does for himself.

"Jason can easily be better than anybody in the United States," Wilson said. "It's 18 now, and when I saw that age, I couldn't even smell what he's doing now. He's coming into his prime - he'll be 18 this year and then 20 in 2000, the next Olympics. I'm in my prime now, and have been for the last year, year in a half or so. I want to stay there,

until the 2000 Games, and Jason is the one who's pushing me. But let's be open here: Jason can definitely surpass what I've done or will do. He'll be around for the 2004 Games, too. The talent he has is just amazing, no one in the world can beat him, and I'm truly sure of that statement, or I wouldn't say it. I don't think there is anyone I've seen, anywhere in the world, who has his talent and confidence."

As mounting turns to roars, Gatson finishes answering questions. A group getting a tour of the facility enters. There he whispers as he is recognized. He smiles toward the group, and then offers his visitors a tip on the best way to exit the facility.

"You know something," Gatson says. "The last USA medal for the men in gymnastics was in 1984. Can you imagine what it would be like for us to win a medal? I can't imagine what that would be like."

He offers a firm handshake, and then a confession.

"Well," Gatson says, smiling. "I have to admit, I have imagined what it would be like."

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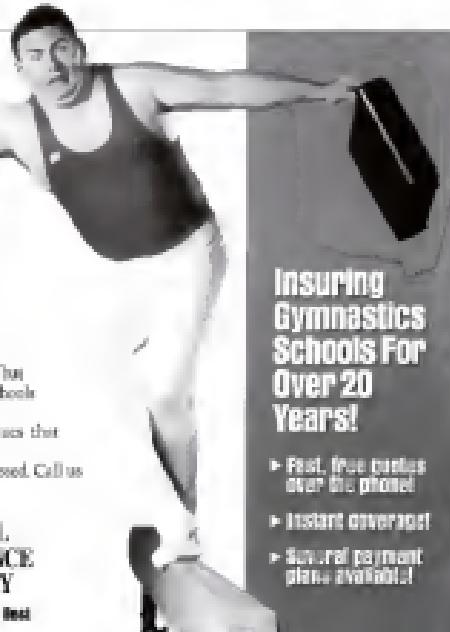
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MARY LOUISE EDITION (continued from page 2)

USA Gymnastics: Now tell us in on what's happening in terms of business.

Mary Lou: I go to different companies and do motivational speaking once or twice a week. I also do appearances for Olympic sponsors. I have a book coming out next Mother's Day which discusses how to be your own coach and how to be successful in all areas of your life. I'm also working on a children's preschool TV show called, "Mary Lou's Flip Flop Shop." The show will encourage children to participate and move—not just sit and watch. It's what you call "edu-ainment"—a mix between education and entertainment. I'm really enjoying this project.

USA Gymnastics: Do you still follow the sport?

Mary Lou: Oh yes. I'm a subscriber to USA Gymnastics and International Gymnast magazines. I always watch the sport on TV. I don't travel to the competitions, mainly because my travel schedule is already hectic, but I follow it as much as possible.



USA Gymnastics: Do you have any contact with your former coach, Bela Karolyi?

Mary Lou: Yes, we talk more on the phone than I actually see him. Last time I saw him was when his daughter, Andrea, got married last year. It's always great to catch up with him. He always puts a smile on my face.

USA Gymnastics: What advice would you give to gymnasts?

Mary Lou: First of all make sure you love it. You have to enjoy what it is you're doing. Also, if you have a big goal, it takes time and many years, so keep your dream alive by working hard and it will come true.

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Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, has announced they are dropping their men's gymnastics program at the conclusion of the 1999-2000 academic season.

USA Gymnastics and the College Gymnastics Association are working together to prevent the dropping of this program. Please take a moment to write the USA president or the men's athletic director and express your concerns about dropping this quality program. We need your help!

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MEN'S PROGRAM, COACHES REFERRAL SERVICE

In a regular basis, the Men's Program Department at USA Gymnastics receives a request for help in finding a men's coach/coach. This is a fairly good measured and need for men's gymnastics. It is unlikely you have the responsibility for managing a men's program and need help after establishing a men's program or adding additional coaches/mentors to an existing program. Listed below are ten items from the difficulty that these programs are facing as it relates to coaches and instructors in filling these new positions.

USA Gymnastics has attempted to meet the employment needs of clubs, as well as, through the individual performance of the USA Gymnastics programs, men's and techniques programs. The current need of clubs is relative to coaches in various programs. This prompted the Men's Program Department at USA Gymnastics to initiate another course in getting clubs more involved in introducing together with districts or sending out individuals. Starting immediately, the Men's Program Department will offer the Men's Coaches Referral Service.

Clubs will be asked to confirm a brief description of their program and the employment opportunity which they have open. These available positions will be compiled into a single list which will be updated on a regular basis. Once a request and information will be able to contact the Men's Program Department to request a copy of the employment list. All contacts by coaches will be kept confidential and it will be up to the individual coaches to contact the club.

It is necessary from the Men's Coaches Referral Service will further assist both clubs and coaches in filling available positions within the men's community. Requests from the club should include basic information about the program and the available positions. The request should also include the names, phone number and address of the club contact person. Club listings will only be released on the first day of an event unless the club submits another request. Coaches may also receive the club employment opportunities for

Coaches will file—phone: 217-527-4550 ext. 264 or fax: 217-527-5848

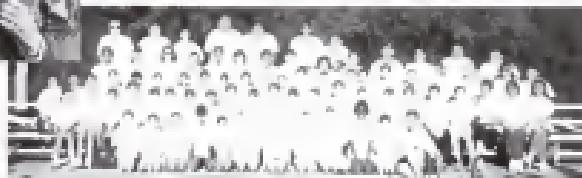


Richard is Jared Poggo, son of 1996 Olympic Medalist and Mrs. Jared was born on Feb. 24 and is the third triplets child. He weighed 11 pounds 5 ounces and was 22 inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAGILU FAMILY!



Jan Štovíček of Slovenia celebrated his 100th birthday and is the oldest living Olympic Champion. Competing for Yugoslavia, Štovíček won the Olympic All-Around and High Bar titles at the 1924 Games. In 1928 he earned the gold medal on rings and bronze medals in the all-around and team events. In 1936 he won the silver medal on rings.



PAN AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP

The Beto Kerende Gymnastics Camp, located in the middle of the Sam Houston National Forest, was the setting for the fifth Pan American Training Camp. May 2-9. Forty-eight gymnasts ranging in ages from 10 to 21, representing 13 Pan American Union countries, participated in this developmental training camp for the Pan American Union. The camp was conducted by the USA Gymnastics Women's Program and National Staff. As this was the fifth year for the camp, there has been noticeable improvement in the quality of the athletes and their countries' programs. In has been the goal of USA Gymnastics to raise the quality of gymnastics of the Pan American Union and develop a strong gymnastics union to be represented at the Federation of International Gymnastics. USA Gymnastics has taken the leadership roll in this development.

Participating in the camp for the USA were four of the Child National Team that qualified at the American Challenge that was held in Pomona, Calif., last February. The athletes were Maria Scalfari and Chelsea



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AWARDS FOR MEN

The Men's Program of USA Gymnastics has, for several years, recognized the academic achievement of our junior gymnasts through the Academic All-American Award. This junior program is designed to provide a training ground for the development of young officials. While physical development is obviously important, this program also stresses the development of values, research and social skills which will assist these young men all their lives. Encouraging a high level of academic achievement in our young men is as important as encouraging their athletic achievement.

The Academic All-American Award recognizes three levels of academic achievement by high school athletes. The three levels of award are: First Team

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Each year this award is presented at the Junior Olympic National Championships. This year in Houston, 123 of the over 180 Academic All-American Award recipients were in attendance at the Junior Olympic National Championships when they had the chance to be recognized for their efforts. Congratulations to all the 1999 USA Gymnastics Academic All-American award recipients for their future.

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CHINA DUAL MEET (continued from page 14)

Other members of the U.S. women's team included 1991 World Champion and 1992 Olympian Kim Zmeskal (Concurrent Gymnastics), Angela Bevan (Bar Conner Gymnastics), Audra Team (Dynamic Gymnastics), Jessie Densteller (Chester Oaks Chicks), and Tasha Schwikert (Gymnastics). Zmeskal was awarded the Mayors Trophy from the event.

The U.S. men fought hard after 1998 national champion, Wayne Wilson (U.S. Olympic Training Center), retired from the event following the floor exercise. After scoring a 9.6 on the floor exercise, Wilson felt a slight strain in his aching shoulder and withdrew from competition. The U.S. men still turned in strong performances, led by 18-year-old Jason Gideon (U.S. Olympic Training Center). Gideon and teammate Jim Foody (UCLA) each completed all five of the six events, but were unable to close the gap on the Chinese. The U.S. men did outscore the Chinese on the vault and floor exercise, and Gideon received the award for the best upcoming gymnast.

"Our men have been consistently competitive against the best in the world this year," said Peter Kormann, head coach of the men's team. "Competing in China is always a special challenge because the Chinese are even more powerful in their own surroundings. This competition served as a good measuring stick for us, as we develop our final preparations for this year's World Championships."

The remaining members of the U.S. men's team were Jay Thorenson (U.S. Olympic Training Center), Brett Wells (UC Berkeley), and Chris Young (U.S. Olympic Training Center).

CHINA'S TALENTS

USA

	V	UB	BB	FL	TOTAL
M. White	9.225	9.780	9.500	9.500	38.525
A. Frazee	9.080	9.480	9.500	9.450	38.410
K. Zmeskal	9.080	9.475	9.500	9.600	38.315
A. Bevan	9.325	9.000	9.000	9.325	38.642
	27.642	28.575	28.500	28.475	113.642

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	V	UB	BB	FL	TOTAL
Guo Juan	9.020	9.750	9.000	9.362	38.112
Xu Ying	9.300	9.000	9.100	9.700	38.300
Ke Yinyun	9.000	9.100	9.275	9.237	37.612
Ying Bi	9.550	9.725	9.000	9.000	39.575
Guo Mengjie	9.000	9.000	8.850	9.000	38.850
	28.810	28.575	27.550	38.299	113.274

CHINA'S TALENTS

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	EE	FB	B	V	BB	FL	TOTAL
Huang Ya	9.000	9.000	9.550	9.400	9.700	9.200	48.300
Ying Wei	9.300	9.450	9.450	9.600	9.000	9.300	48.650
Xing Jiyu	9.700	9.150	9.000	9.800	9.700	9.000	47.850
D. Xiangping	9.000	9.000	9.175	9.000	9.000	9.000	45.175
Zhang Jiali	9.000	9.000	9.550	9.000	9.000	9.000	48.550
Zou Sheng	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.300	9.000	48.000
	29.850	28.480	28.750	28.123	28.900	29.500	132.133

USA

	EE	FB	B	V	BB	FL	TOTAL
J. Gideon	9.800	9.000	9.500	9.825	9.300	9.475	47.825
J. Foody	9.210	9.000	9.000	9.500	9.300	9.450	45.760
T. Wells	9.000	9.575	9.000	9.000	9.230	9.375	44.680
J. Young	9.000	9.525	9.000	9.475	9.000	9.000	44.400
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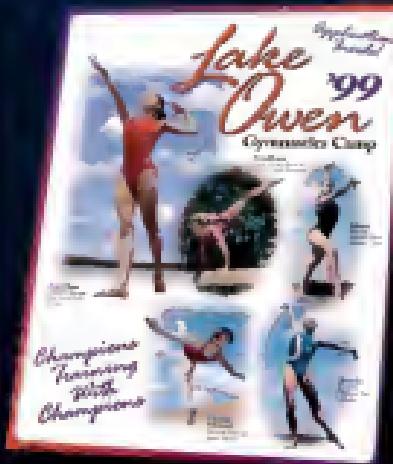
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